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Rustic Fusion,
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trucks that
came to Food
Truck Fridays
on June 18.

Finally, it's
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

CARA MCCARTHY
Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN -- Food Truck Fridays have made a return to the Town Common as the COVID-19 pandemic slowly starts to come to an end.

For the last few years, the Belchertown Cultural Council has funded Food Truck Fridays, an event that takes place on the third week of every month in the summer, according to Jennifer Whitehead, Head of Children's Services at the CLAPP Memorial Library.

In addition to Food Truck Friday, the Belchertown Cultural Council also hosted an event in conjunction with the Belchertown Justice Collaborative



Tess Mathewson,
Parker Mas, and
Olive Smith coordinated the Spark
Pride, Make Art
event June 18 at
Food Truck Friday.

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GOVERNMENT

COVID relief funds coming; How it will be used is TBD

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REGION – As the Mass. Senate and House work to reconcile differences and craft a new state budget to send on to Gov. Charlie Baker, the Baker administration last week announced a plan to spread approximately \$2.815 billion in direct federal aid among local municipalities to target communities that could use an economic boost.

“Key priorities” include housing and homeownership, economic development, local downtowns, job training, workforce development, health care, and infrastructure, Baker said. The money was doled out to states in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the negative impact it has had on local economies.

“Our proposal will immediately invest \$2.8 billion toward key priorities that will help jump-start our economic recovery, with a particular focus on those hit hardest by COVID-19, such as communities of color,” Baker said in a statement. “With over four million people fully vaccinated, Massachusetts is getting back to normal and back to work, but it is critical that we act now to make these critical investments to keep our recovery moving. Our administration appreciates the collaboration of the legislature and local government in responding to the pandemic, and we all must work together to distribute funding quickly and efficiently to ensure those hard-hit by the virus receive relief as quickly as possible.”

It's too early to specify how and where the money will be used locally, but elected officials representing area towns in the legislature have some ideas of their own. Rep. Orlando Ramos, D-Springfield, for example, said he would “like to see a more equitable distribution of resources to assist black and brown businesses across the city of Springfield.”

Ramos contends that decades of laws and policy positions put segments of the populations, such as

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Belchertown Lions Club to hold golf tournament

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Lions Club will hold its Belchertown Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, on July 24 at the Mill Valley Golf Links. The cost is \$50 for a Lions Club member and \$75 for a non-member. Sign-up is at the golf course or by sending an email to Mike Pease at

Mjpease.123@gmail.com or Bob Henrichon at Halfbark2@AOL.com.

The event includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and snacks, closest to the pin on two holes, optional raffles including 50/50, lottery tree raffles and a \$1,000 cash prize for a hole-in-one.

Farmers' Market every Sunday

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown Farmers' Market has reopened for 2021 at the Town Common. It is open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Two new vendors, Lavender Woods and The Grown Up Farms, have joined the market. Lavender Woods will offer an array of flowers, herbs and

lotions and The Grown Up Farms will offer several different types of mushrooms and salad mixes. There are also locally raised beef and pork, sausages, organic produce, cheese, eggs, strawberries, hot sauce, apple butter, handmade soap and new maple products, including maple cotton candy.



Post-grads enjoy prom

BELCHERTOWN – This year, members of the class of 2021 were able to enjoy their only prom after graduation.

In attendance were 122 former students and their guests at

the Starting Gate at GreatHorse in Hampden.

The prom was held after graduation, so that in the case someone was to get COVID-19, they wouldn't have to miss graduation.

PHOTO BY MELINA BOURDEAU
Trinity Skutnik, Jaron Deich, Carlie Howe, Cassie Roy, Avery Avezzie and Sheyenne McCullough sat inside at the Belchertown High School senior prom.

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COMMUNITY



Farm Manager Shawn McIntire, Rep. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) and Assistant Farm Manager/Orchard Administrator Kristen Hanley took a tour of Cold Spring Orchard.



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Rep. takes a bite out of local agriculture

RIGHT: Recently, Rep. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) met with managers of the University of Massachusetts Cold Spring Orchard for a tour of the orchard.

BCTV Schedule

June 24

- 8 a.m. SelectBoard – June 21
- 10 a.m. Planning Board – June 22
- 12 p.m. Energy Sustainability Committee – June 18
- 5:30 p.m. Council on Aging – Channel 191
- 6:30 p.m. School Committee – Channel 192
- 7 p.m. SelectBoard – June 21
- 9 p.m. Planning Board – June 22
- 11 p.m. Energy Sustainability – June 18

June 25

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 7 p.m. Conversation with Pakman

June 26

- 8 a.m. Curious Giraffe
- 9 a.m. Belchertown Community Garden 2021
- 10 a.m. Belchertown School Garden 2021
- 11 a.m. Belchertown Pollinator Garden 2021
- 7 p.m. Belchertown Community Garden 2021
- 8 p.m. Belchertown School Garden 2021
- 9 p.m. Belchertown Pollinator Garden 2021

June 27

- 4:30 p.m. St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- 6 p.m. Christ Community Church
- 7 p.m. Hope United Methodist Church

June 28

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 5 p.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 6:30 p.m. SelectBoard – Channel 191
- 7 p.m. Conservation Commission – Channel 192

June 29

- 8 a.m. Curious Giraffe
- 7 p.m. Community Preservation Committee – Channel 191

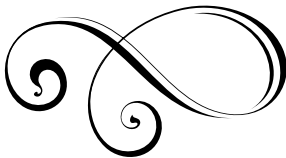
June 30

- 8 a.m. Conversation with Pakman
- 1 p.m. Meditation with Lori
- 7 p.m. Conversation with Pakman

CORRECTION



Juliana Dennehy
Hofstra University



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Due to an error, Juliana Dennehy was omitted from the Belchertown High School graduation spread.

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Nom Nom Hut offered deep fried pork belly on a stick and authentic Japanese dumplings.

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called “Spark Pride, Make Art,” with the idea of creating art on Belchertown’s electrical boxes.

Tess Mathewson, Olive Smith, and Parker Mas led the event.

“The idea is that we have all these electrical boxes around town that are just huge gray blobs when they could be depicting art, especially art designed by residents,” Mathewson said.

She also said they specifically held their event during LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

“We really want that [LGBTQ+ pride] to be an element in the mural designs,” Mathewson said. “But it’s not exclusive to that kind of pride. There’s cultural pride, identity pride, Belchertown pride.”

The Belchertown Cultural Council awarded a grant to the Belchertown Justice Collaborative, which will go toward hiring the artist to paint the murals.

The deadline to submit designs has been extended to July 2, and can be emailed to belchertownjusticecollab@gmail.com.



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Roosters Roaming Cantina opened their food truck during the COVID-19 pandemic and is run by Amanda O'Connor.

Summer concert series starts July 1

SOUTH HADLEY – Summer Concert Series is set to begin on Thursday, July 1. This year’s series is funded by the Village Commons and a grant through the South Hadley Art’s Council.

The concerts will be on the Town Commons on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

South Hadley Recreation Department Director Andy Rogers said the annual tradition was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but will be back on schedule this year.

“This series is a great partnership with sponsors, it’s really nice to have,” Rogers said. “It’s a quintessential New England event.”

He said this year’s schedule brings bands and performers who were supposed to play in 2020.

“There are different types of music for all groups of listeners,” Rogers said. “Every performer has some connection to town – whether they taught here, coached here, grew up here or live here now.”

The events are bring your own chair or blanket.

Kicking off with Jeff Gavioli and his bad news jazz and blues orchestra on July 1.

July 8 – The Willie’s;
July 15 – Midlife Crisis
July 22 – Livio Gravini and the free spirit society
July 29 – Off the record
Aug. 5 – Night moves
Aug. 12 – Jimmy Mazz duo
Aug. 19 – 3x social
Aug. 26 – Berkshire Hills Academy

If there is inclement weather and the concert is cancelled, the rain date will be the following Sunday. There will be no rain date for the July 1 concert.

For updates on cancellations, visit the Recreation Department’s website or Facebook page.

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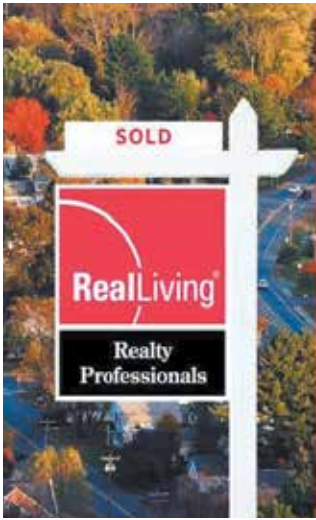


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people of color, at a disadvantage, but if used correctly, targeted legislation could help mitigate the damage.

"In addition to that, I have been having conversations at the local and state level, about reserving a certain percentage or a certain amount of money for entrepreneurs across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts," Ramos said.

"There is an income gap that exists in the commonwealth and across the country and part of the reason why that exists is because of legislation laws that disproportionately impact people of color and laws from the past and continue to haunt us today. Because legislation is what got us into this wealth gap, we must be intentional about using legislation to close it."

Rep. Jacob Oliveira, D-Ludlow, also shared his thoughts on the proposal and said one thing he would like to prioritize with the funding is job training.

"We should be making sure we invest these onetime dollars in areas where we can get people back to work and train people in order to invest in the areas that will further grow the workforce," Oliveira said. "Another area in need of investment is community development. Investing in our communities and their projects can help build the economic vitality of our regions."

Oliveira also said the important thing to know is the Baker administration's plan is currently an outline and he and Ramos want to make sure they can help steer aid to communities they represent.

"Bureaucrats in Boston don't know the communities that we represent," Oliveira said. "The legislators, otherwise known as the people on the ground, know exactly what our communities need."

Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, said using some of the money to boost public projects and private manufacturing could benefit the entire region by creating jobs and providing greater mobility.

"There could be a lot of benefits, especially on the transportation side of things which seem like they will be quite good," Gobi said. "The other kind of thought I'm looking at is, the president is talking about a big manufacturing bill that should be coming out shortly as well. I think for the manufacturers in this area there will be a lot of opportunities and some partnerships, so I think we're going to be in

Dreamer the lemur

Harlow Jacque, 5, was the contest winner of the Clapp Memorial Library's mascot naming contest. She named Dreamer the lemur, the mascot of this year's summer reading program "Tails and tales."

PHOTO BY MELINA BOURDEAU

great shape," Gobi said.

Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, said he would like to see some of the money spent on education and for town-level officials to have a voice on how to target aid.

"Making sure schools get what they need is a priority," Smola said. "The idea is to have a partnership between the state and local municipalities. The problems that Palmer has to deal with are not the same problems Warren has to deal with. It's not a one size fits all approach."

For a lot of areas, I think unemployment is still an issue and there's a

chain reaction with our local businesses," Smola said. "So, getting people back to work and getting them the support they need while at the same time making sure that now the emergency has been lifted in Massachusetts, you have to get the wheels moving again. It takes time to get the wheels moving again. It's not an easy thing to do."

To learn more about the direct federal aid, go to mass.gov/orgs/office-of-the-governor/news.

Editor Michel Harrison contributed to this story.

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Belchertown Police

Editor's note: The following are brief explanations of select entries in the Belchertown Police log and arrests for the weeks of June 9 through June 15. The information was provided by a member of the police department based on the review of the detailed log summary. This feature is designed to provide context and explanation to some of the calls police respond to every day. Of the 315 calls police responded to, there were 12 incidents, four accidents, four arrest/summons and 15 citations.

ARRESTS/SUMMONS
Wednesday, June 9

11:33 p.m. – A 15-year-old juvenile from Belchertown was arrested and served a warrant of protective custody.
Thursday, June 10
6:35 a.m. – A 33-year-old male was arrested on the charges of operating under the influence of liquor (OUI) and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.
Officers responded to the Daniel Shays Highway and Allen Road area for the report of a vehicle that was struck on the side of the road. Officers located the vehicle in a ditch with the vehicle still running. Officers conducted a field sobriety test and determined the driver was under the influence of alcohol and placed under arrest. He was released on his own recognizance and received a summons to appear in court the next day.

ACCIDENTS/
INCIDENTS
Wednesday, June 9
1:28 p.m. – Officer responded to an apartment complex on North Main Street concerning a possible breaking and entering.

Local soccer
team raising
money to go to
the Nationals

GRANBY – The Bolts West Elite Black boys U16 soccer team based out of Granby has made it to the National Cup Finals to be held in Colorado this July. The team is kicking off their fundraising efforts with a Dine-In or Out Fundraiser with raffles at the Rumbleseat Bar & Grill, 482 Springfield St., in Chicopee, on Monday, June 28, from 5 to 9 p.m. Some of the raffle prizes include Red Sox tickets, local golfing and restaurant gift certificates including Food 101, McCarthys, Center Square Grill, Outback and Posto.
Coaches Billy Stetson, of Granby, and Dave Girouard, of Chicopee, have been developing and leading this team of boys for years. Many players on this team are from Belchertown and surrounding communities: Nick Adzima, Zach Fraleigh, Jack Holt and Nate Oldenburg are Belchertown; Adam Stetson, of Granby; Charlie Anischik, Arya Kouzehkanani and Colin Quinn, of South Hadley; Kyle Girouard, Colin Scammon and Luke Theroux, of Chicopee; Westley Roguz, of Longmeadow; Zach Richard, of East Longmeadow; Hunter Hogan and Tristan Hogan, of Somers, Connecticut, and Aidan Miklasiewicz.

The officer looked into it and could not conclude whether or not the apartment was broken into.
2:02 p.m. – Officer was dispatched to Old Linfield Road for a reported hit and run property damage accident. Officers spoke with the resident who reported a car hit a utility pole. Resident reported his mailbox was destroyed in addition to his neighbors' mailbox. The pole was not damaged. Officers were able to determine what type of car was responsible from a part number found on the debris. Officers were advised to be on the lookout for the vehicle in question.

Thursday, June 10

11:15 a.m. - Officers conducted a well-being check at the request of a representative of a school concerning a student who had contact with another youth in another state who made threats to harm themselves. The officer was able to make contact with the police department of the out-of-state youth and have a well-being check conducted on that individual.
11:40 a.m. - Property was taken by the police department as a result of a domestic violence order.
1:05 a.m. - An officer spoke with a resident concerning possible identity theft after receiving a piece of mail that had his personal information on it and has never done business with the company. He did not suffer any losses but wanted to have the

information on notice.
2:59 p.m. - Officers responded to a home concerning an injured turkey in their backyard. The resident spoke with animal control who advised them to call the police department. Recommended the turkey be euthanized.

Saturday, June 12

12:18 p.m. - Vehicle one was traveling southbound on South Washington Street. The operator said the vehicle had a mechanical failure causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle and crash into a mailbox. The vehicle was unable to stop for a time and sustained damage to the front right side and was towed from the scene.

Sunday, June 13

12:36 a.m. - An officer on regular routine patrol was performing a check of the basketball courts on State Street. He inspected the area for any type of vandalism where he noticed the building had been graffitied. An image was taken and the school's resource officer was notified.

Tuesday, June 15

6:50 p.m. - Officer responded to a business after a report of a counterfeit bill. He spoke with the manager who said a party came in and made a purchase using the counterfeit bill. Upon looking at the bill, the manager noticed the words "Prop Copy" printed on the bill. A report was filed.

Granby Police

Editor's Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 132 calls for the week of June 11 through June 17. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information is provided by the Granby Police Department.

Saturday, June 12

1:13 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles on East State Street. No injuries were reported.

Tuesday, June 15

8:25 a.m. – Officers investigated an identity theft report.
3:09 p.m. – Officers investigated a motor vehicle accident on West State Street. A deer was struck on the road.

Wednesday, June 16

2:05 a.m. – Officers investigated a shoplifting at Cumberland Farms.
4:20 p.m. – Officer investigated a motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles on West Street at State Street. No injuries were reported.
6:01 p.m. - A 32-year-old male was arrested on East State Street for the charge of failing to stop for police.


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■ OPINION

A missed sign spoils a surprise, but hearts connect just the same

JULIE MIDURA
Correspondent

I remember the first time Tom and I encountered a backpacker while we were out in the woods on a day hike.

After the man passed us, I declared, “I love hiking, but there is no way I’d want to lug all of that gear on my back just to spend a night in the middle of the woods. At the end of a long day of hiking, I just want a hot shower and a juicy burger.”

Fast forward to the present day, with dozens of backpacking trips under our belts. The hot shower has been replaced with an ice-cold stream, and the juicy burger has been replaced with food that is eaten out of the bag it has been cooked in.

And, we wouldn’t have it any other way!

Although Tom and I love day-hiking, backpacking allows us to unplug from the chaos of the world for more than just a single day. Falling asleep to the sounds of nature while cocooned between the paper-thin walls of our three-person tent brings the outdoor experience to the next level.

Which is why I chose to celebrate the birthday that brings me closer to 60 than to 50 not at a spa but backpacking through the Pemigewasset Wilderness of New Hampshire. I wanted to prove to myself that age is just a number and that I am stronger and more capable than what the date on my birth certificate would suggest.

A 48-mile hike over 12 4,000-foot mountains would do just that.

If you’re ultra impressed with our extraordinary feat of endurance and physical prowess, don’t be. We didn’t complete the loop in one night. We didn’t even get it done in two. Rather, we started at 7 p.m. on a Thursday and finished at noon on a Tuesday. Yes, that means that we were out there for six days.

If we are to receive any accolades, it should be due to the fact



After a dozen summits over 48 miles, Tom and Julie enjoying a rest on Bondcliff Mountain.



Julie and Tom on the summit of Mt. Lafayette while backpacking for five days.

that we managed to remain married after hiking up and down mountains all day and then sleeping side by side in a tent for five nights with no shower.

One of the numerous highlights of our extraordinary trip was receiving a video from my daughter midway through our hike, when Tom

and I were on the ridge between Galehead Mountain and South Twin.

Prior to our hike, we sent our itinerary to our children so that they would be aware of our planned route. We also sent them one update per day, knowing that they worry about us when we’re out backpacking.

Boy, the tides have turned. It’s like we’re the teenagers now.

Unbeknownst to us, our 25-year old daughter Emelie decided to surprise us by climbing Galehead Mountain and waiting for us to arrive on the summit. Although she is working on climbing all 48 4,000-footers in New Hampshire, she has never climbed Galehead.

She woke at 2 a.m., drove from Boston to New Hampshire, and arrived at the trailhead at 5 a.m. It was still dark outside. Afraid that she’d miss us, she jumped out of her car and raced past the trailhead sign – never giving it a second glance. She hauled herself up the five-mile trail toward the summit. Along with her essentials, she was carrying a birthday card, cookies, and chocolate for me as well as a Father’s Day card and a thermos of hot coffee for Tom.

As she hiked towards the summit of Galehead Mountain, the terrain reminded her of a hike to the summit of Mt. Garfield that she and I had completed together in 2017. She thought that it was strange that the two trails were so similar, but,

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Reinvigorate your strawberry patch and irises too

My strawberry patch has been producing very well this year. But pretty soon the glut will have passed and it will be time to renovate the patch. Sure, it will be hard work, but it’s absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawnmower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly. This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases.

Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in

order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out 14 inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries. Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. “Can’t just this one stay?” Ease your guilt by giving away the extras or use them to start another patch.

Next, get rid of any “mother” plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile. Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another. This is another difficult task, but one that must be accomplished if we want large, healthy berries. As you work within the row, be sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon,

since these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it’s time to reinvigorate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer. Water at least every other day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits. Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It’s time to divide them and replenish their soil. In our climate, this

should be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place no later than July or August. This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult.

An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease. Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest “fans” of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about 2 inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site

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IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

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intent on reaching the summit of Galehead before we did, she brushed it off.

When she arrived at the summit a few hours from the time she started, she immediately realized her mistake.

On her drive to the mountain in the wee hours of the morning, she had shut off her GPS once she arrived at the dirt road leading to the trailhead. What she failed to realize is that there are TWO trailheads a short distance from each other on the same dirt road. She had parked her car at the first trailhead sign she reached – never even looking at the sign in her haste to surprise us on the summit.

As she reached the summit, she realized why the trail had looked so familiar. She was standing on Garfield, not Galehead. She had climbed the wrong mountain!

I received her video message when I was standing on South Twin. At first, I was disappointed that I had missed out on seeing my daughter in person on the summit; but when I watched the video message she sent me from two mountains away, my heart filled with gratitude. I couldn't possibly have felt her love more than if she had been standing right beside me.

The birthday surprise never happened, but the gift was not the chocolate, the cookies, or the card. It was the knowledge that my daughter had climbed a mountain for me. We may not have been physically connected, but in that moment, my heart could not have been joined more completely with hers.

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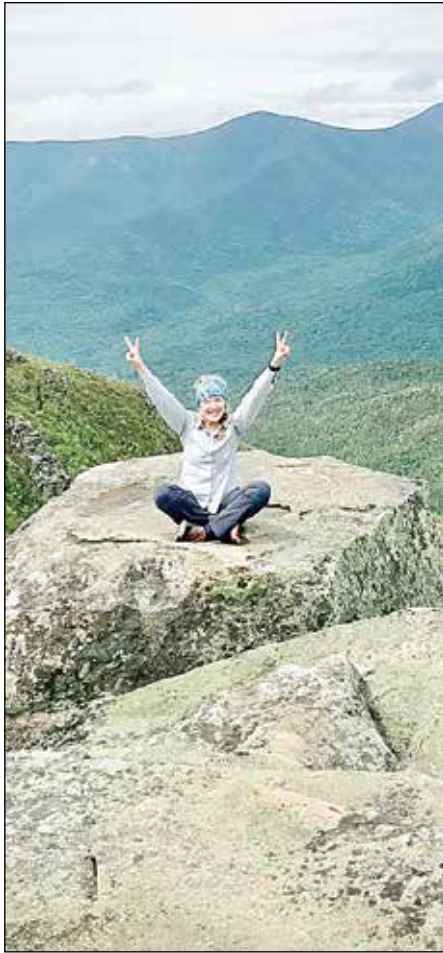
We inhaled serenity.

We talked. We listened. We laughed.

We rejoiced on every summit.

It's amazing how little we need in this life to be truly happy.

Once we arrived on Bondcliff – the final



Julie celebrating on Bondcliff – the final mountain of their 48-mile hike.

mountain of our hike – we remained on the summit for over four hours. We placed our Z-Rest sleep pads on a flat rock, laid on our backs, and closed our eyes while the billowing white clouds floated above us.

There was nowhere we needed to be. There was no need to rush down. Since we planned to primitive camp for one final night, we had all the time in the world.

And we used it wisely.

And that, my friends, is backpacking!

College NOTES

Area students named to Dean's List at Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD – A model for the “New Traditional University,” Western New England University (WNE) is among just 13% of private (5,000 students or less) institutions ranked among US News and World Report “National Universities” and a “Top 100 Engineering Program.” WNE enrolls 3,690 students, including 2,552 full-time undergraduate, in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at its Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy & Health Sciences, and School of Law.

Western New England University is pleased to announce that the following area students are among more than 750 named to the WNE Spring Semester 2021 Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

Abigail Dallmann--JD from Amherst

Andrew S. Lavender--JD from Amherst

Hamza Abdella Wahhas--BS in Computer Science from Amherst

Kelly Marie Braese--BSBA in Accounting from Belchertown

Madison M. Caldwell--BS in Health Sciences from Belchertown

Dagmara A. Krotki--BA in Psychology from Belchertown

Noah Michael Pare--BSE in Biomedical Engineering from Belchertown

Emily Rose Sajdak--BSBA in Accounting from Belchertown

Autumn Grace Kelley--Pre-

Pharmacy/Doctor of Pharmacy from Belchertown

Matthew N. Buxton--BSE in Mechanical Engineering from Granby

Connor James Moriarty--BS in Health Sciences from Granby

Yugank Sharma--BA in Economics from Granby

Julia Lauren Frappier--Exploratory - Business from Granby

Danielle Hamel--BS in Secondary Ed/Biology from Granby

Jacob Hoyle--BS in Criminal Justice from Granby

Jasmine M. Rodrigues-Jones--BSE in Mechanical Engineering from Granby

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Roger Williams University announces 2021 Graduates

BRISTOL, RI – The following local residents were among the students who received their degrees in May as part of the Class of 2021:

Jeremy Jachym of Granby, graduates with a B.A. in Marine Biology

Kaylee MacDonald of Belchertown, graduates with a B.A. in Public Relations

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altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They despise “wet feet,” so plant where drainage is good. If your soil is lean, compost can be added to enrich it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang

down. The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer. Usually by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made

their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over. Control this pest by proper sanitation. In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts. In the spring, about the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chewn edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny

larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

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(From left to right) Emmett Crosby, 7, Kiernan Crosby, 9, Emma Mann, 6, and Beth Crosby picked strawberries together last week.

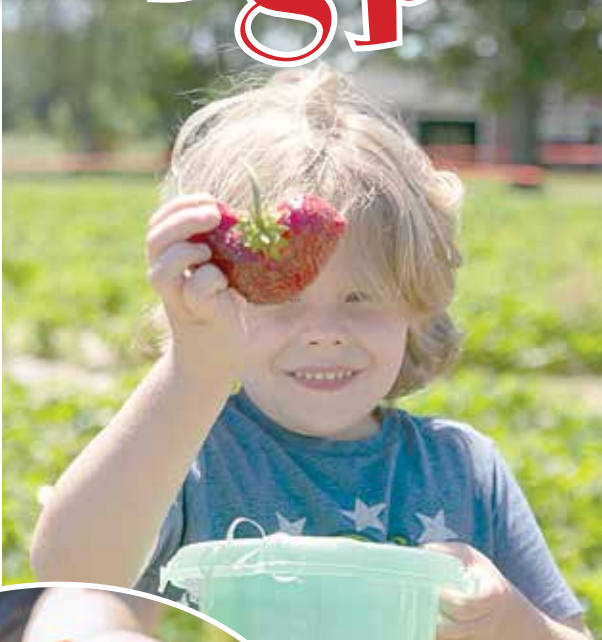


Keirnan Crosby, 6, picks strawberries and places them into his bucket.

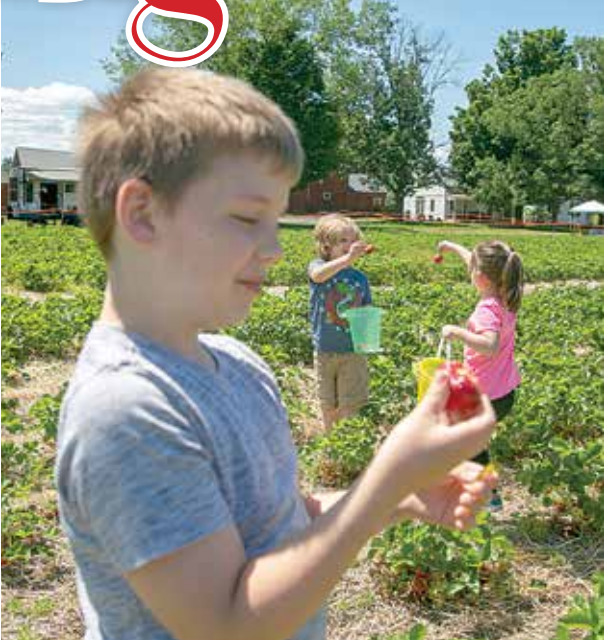
Finger licking picking



Lyvia LaDue, 4, samples a strawberry she picked with her family last week.



Keirnan Crosby, 6, said his goal was to find all of the weird strawberries.



Emmett Crosby, 7, Kiernan Crosby, 9, Emma Mann, 6, inspected and compared their strawberries at Sapowsky Farm last week.

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People picked strawberries from Sapowsky Farm in Granby last week.



Eric Thibodeau, Lauren Skala and Natalie Thibodeau picked strawberries to make strawberry shortcake last week.



Roxxi LaDue, 7, enjoys a strawberry she picked at Sapowsky Farm last week.

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Singing starts the summer season



Lorna Stone, from Christopher Heights, offered those at the concert cookies and water.

BELCHERTOWN – The long-awaited re-opening of the Senior Center is almost here, according to Belchertown officials, and the Council on Aging summer concert series began last Friday.

“Today is a great day, said COA Program and Volunteer Coordinator, Katy Martin. “When looking around, I see friends, familiar and new, staff who has worked right alongside me this entire 15 month closure period, and even my own family, Happy Birthday NaNa.”

Martin went on to describe the Center’s phased plan for re-opening, the soft opening planned for July 1, and how much staff is looking forward to the return of indoor programming and guests.

“We are thrilled to welcome you back, to kick off summer

together, and to simply spend time enjoying each other’s company and some fantastic music outside, while we await our time back indoors,” she said.

Beverly Marcy celebrated her 86th birthday enjoying the performance by Memory Lane music Duo, made up of Mike Tourville and Danny Roy. Other guests, happy for the opportunity to be attending in-person activities again, clapped, tapped and sang along to the performance sponsored by the Friends Group of the Center, the BSCCA.

Christopher Heights also sponsored the event and Lorna Stone offered water and cookies for attendees to enjoy during this, the first of three in the BCOA’s Summer Concert Series.



Jean Mellin and Clara Very looking forward to the performance.



Beverly Marcy celebrated her 86th birthday and was happy to be reunited with longtime friend, Mike Tourville.

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LoAnn Hatt and Jeff Hubler are excited to attend the first summer COA concert.



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Boileau, Nicholas R.
Died: June 19, 2021
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June 27, 2:30 p.m.
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Ducharme, Sharon Diane
Died: June 17, 2021
Service of Remembrance,
June 25, 1 p.m.
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Mercier, Rolland Alcide
Died: June 18, 2021
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June 29, 10 a.m.
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OBITUARIES

Nicholas R. Boileau

BELCHERTOWN – Nicholas R. Boileau, 28, of Belchertown passed away on Saturday, June 19, surrounded by his loving family. Nick was born April 1, 1993, a beloved son to Glenn E. and Jennifer Boileau (Godfrey).

Nick grew up in Belchertown and graduated from Belchertown High School in 2011. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree in psychology from Western New England University in 2015, and his master's degree in public health with a focus in epidemiology from the University of Michigan in 2017. At the time of his passing, Nick was pursuing a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

He was proud of his work as a researcher for CODA at the University of Michigan where he worked on patient and caregiver quality-of-life studies relative to Huntington's Disease and traumatic brain injury. He contributed to over 30 research papers that were published from his time spent at this life-changing job. Nick was an avid fan of the Wolverines and was often seen sporting the maize and blue.

Nick loved spending time with his family, who will miss his sense of humor, quick wit, caring nature, and his incredible gift of prose that offered many people strength and positivity through his blog, Nick's Journey.

Nick leaves behind his much-loved sister, Erica Lasewicz, and her wonderful husband, Matthew, of Pennsylvania. The treasured bond between him and his sister was a precious gift that will surely be missed. Nick took great pleasure in his dog, Loki. Anyone who knew Nick, knew Loki, due to the immense number of pictures and videos he would post about his furry friend. Nick also leaves behind his cherished grandparents,

Gail Lombardi and Donald and Noella Boileau, all of Granby, as well as several dear aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. The family would like to thank the Mass General Hospital Lunder 10 team of doctors and nurses for the incredible care they gave to Nicholas.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, June 27, at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home from noon to 2:30 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 2:30 p.m. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nick's name to either Caring For a Cure, a charity at Mass General Hospital for BMT patients/families <https://www.massgeneral.org/cancer-center/everyday-amazing/caring-for-a-cure> or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society <https://www.lls.org/>. For the full obituary please go to <https://beersandstory.com/tribute/all-services/index.html>.



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Sharon "Sheri" Ducharme

WARE – Sharon "Sheri" Diane Ducharme, 63, of Ware, passed away on June 17, 2021, at Baystate Medical Center from injuries sustained in a three-automobile accident. Calling hours will be held at Beers and Story Belchertown Funeral Home on Friday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a service of remembrance at 1 p.m.



She was born in Springfield, on Sept. 4, 1957, to amazing parents, Conrad L. and Beverly A. (Albrecht) Ducharme, of Belchertown. Sheri was raised in Belchertown and moved to California for several years and moved back to Massachusetts in 2008 to be closer to her mom after her father's passing. While she lived in California she managed a group home for individuals with developmental . Her current employer was at The Center for Human Development in West Springfield, where she was proud to be the assistant manager. She had worked there since 2009.

Sheri had a passion for life and lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed exploring new places and meeting new people. Her favorite beach was Bluff Point, Groton, Connecticut. She loved the beach, bathing in the sun, walking in the sand, and finding new adventures. She was kindhearted and volunteered her time feeding the homeless on Thanksgiving, and let friends into her home who didn't have family or friends for the holidays. She truly cared for people's well being and would help anyone in need. She always lit up every party, and made sure everyone was having a good time, she loved people. Above all Sheri enjoyed spending time with her daughter, Tiffany, and her family. She was always planning the next event and capturing photos of her loved ones through her passion of photography. Sheri's best friends are Tina LaFlamme, Ann Roberts, and Keith and Claire Roberts.

Besides her mother, Beverly she will be deeply missed by her beautiful daughter, Tiffany, and her three sisters, Debbie Ducharme, of Belchertown, Sandi Chagnon, of Longmeadow, and Wendy Ashworth, of Belchertown. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, Yvonne Tidwell, Ciji St. Germain, Nick Hyatt and Uriah Ducharme, and great nieces and great nephews, Aurora, Skyla, Dimitri, Malachi, Juliana, Sigurd and Nausicaa. She also leaves her loving cousins Terry Boan, Brian Boan, Chris Boan, Brenda Campbell, Freddy LaMarche, Danny LaMarche, Robert Rule, Linda Johnson, Steve Rule, Tim Rule, Denis Pete, Doris Spaulding, Rosalind Chicoine, Richard Ducharme and Raymond Ducharme.

Sheri is having a family reunion with her father, Conrad, grandparents Eleanor Albrecht, Rose Andrews and Ben Andrews, and cousins Rusty, Irene and Jeannine.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Shriners Hospital. For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com.

Rolland Mercier



BELCHERTOWN – Rolland Alcide Mercier, 99, passed away June 18, 202, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Dec. 6, 1921, in Holyoke to the late Joseph and Lumina (Dubois) Mercier. Rolland proudly served his country in the Army during World War II. Following his time in the service, Rolland worked as a truck driver for Gingras Express, and later as a fleet service mechanic at Spector Freight until his retirement.

Rolland dedicated his time as a serving member of many local organizations including Knights of Columbus as a 3rd degree member, a life member of Elks Lodge, a member of Teamsters Retirees, and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. Besides being a dedicated family

man, he also enjoyed playing Pitch, cheering on his RedSox, and was fondly known as "a lover of all desserts" by his family.

Besides his parents as well as three sisters and four brothers, Rolland was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Ann (Allard) Mercier, in 2004. He will be dearly missed by daughter, Susan Phaneuf, and husband, Kim; his son, Philip Mercier, and wife, Lynn; grandchildren, Scott Martin, and wife, Anna Zammaron, Rose Gates, and husband, Josh, Corey Mercier, and partner, Nichole McClellan, Amanda Ouimette, and partner, Robert Kelly, Caitlin Mitchell and Liam Donohue-Phaneuf; great-grandson, Gabriel Mercier; his sister-in-law, Genevieve Mercier, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held June 28, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home. Friends and family may gather back at the funeral home on June 29, at 9 a.m., for a procession to Rolland's funeral Mass at 10 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi. Burial will immediately follow at Notre Dame Cemetery in South Hadley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Belchertown Senior Center. Please visit www.beersandstory.com to extend online condolences.

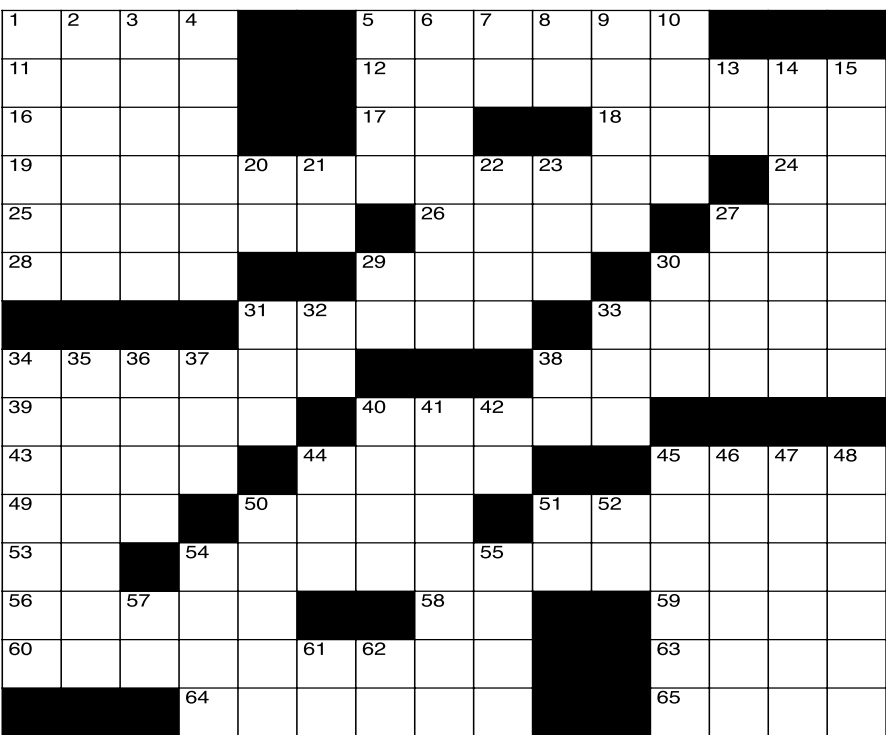


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- 1. College group
- 5. Small morsels of food
- 11. Actress Dunham
- 12. Puts a limit on
- 16. Used for baking or drying
- 17. Commercial
- 18. Zookeeper Bindi
- 19. Walk in one's sleep
- 24. The Great Lakes State
- 25. Winter sport
- 26. A thin layer on something
- 27. Peacock network
- 28. Give birth to a lamb or kid
- 29. "Too Scared to Cry" author
- 30. Nose
- 31. Friend
- 33. Country music legend Haggard
- 34. Curved
- 38. More deformed

CLUES DOWN

- 39. Bleated
- 40. Set on its end
- 43. An aspect of Ra
- 44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- 45. Harsh, grating noise
- 49. __ Francisco
- 50. Common Japanese surname
- 51. Punish with an arbitrary penalty
- 53. Football position (abbr.)
- 54. Not in the know
- 56. African antelope
- 58. Popular tech (abbr.)
- 59. Baseball teams get three of them
- 60. Make up one's mind
- 63. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 64. Martens
- 65. Susan and Tom are two

- 2. Put an end to
- 3. Blood disorder
- 4. Ingredient in wine
- 5. Shellfish
- 6. Made smaller
- 7. We
- 8. The Treasure State
- 9. __ Ekland, actress
- 10. Male parent
- 13. One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)
- 14. Dish of minced meat
- 15. Smothered laugh
- 20. Article
- 21. Atomic #12
- 22. Small parrot
- 23. Fictional "Star Wars" planet
- 27. French wine grape
- 29. Football stat (abbr.)
- 30. Sound unit
- 31. Where you sleep
- 32. University of Dayton
- 33. Miller beer offering
- 34. Feel embarrassed

- 35. Able to be estimated
- 36. Commune in NW France
- 37. Adult female chicken
- 38. Intergovernmental organization
- 40. Archaic term for until
- 41. That which is not sacred
- 42. Sound made in speech
- 44. Handgun (slang)
- 45. Fill up again
- 46. Evoke or awaken
- 47. Beam Me Up, __!
- 48. Spider wasp genus
- 50. Headdress
- 51. Exclamation of surprise
- 52. Of I
- 54. Figures
- 55. Men's fashion accessories
- 57. Indicates position
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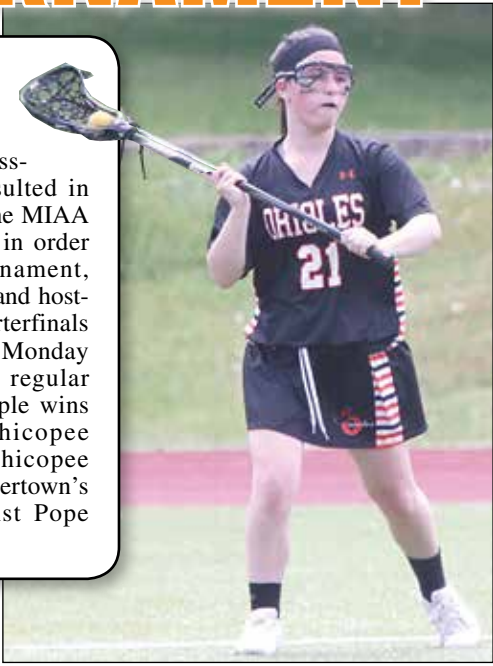
ORIOLES ENTER TOURNAMENT



Maya Monteiro leans down to pick up a ground ball.

BELCHERTOWN – The Belchertown High School girls lacrosse team enjoyed a successful campaign that resulted in an 11-1 record. With the MIAA utilizing records only in order to seed for the tournament, Belchertown is No. 2, and hosted Granby in the quarterfinals of the tournament on Monday night. Belchertown's regular season included multiple wins against Monson, Chicopee High School, and Chicopee Comprehensive. Belchertown's one loss came against Pope Francis.

Kelsey Reardon makes a pass from behind the Chicopee goal.



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Allison Besette moves up the field.



Erin Lucas moves up the field after taking possession.



Michelle Zaluga passes the ball out of the crowd.

Blue Sox win pair of comeback games

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox (9-4) hosted their Father's Day celebration against the Bristol Blues (3-11) on Sunday night, where they made a major comeback in the ninth inning to win the game 4-3.

In collaboration with the Trey Mancini Foundation, fans wore blue in support of colorectal cancer research. Mancini is an alum of the Valley Blue Sox organization, competing on the 2011 roster, and was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the eighth round (249th overall) of the 2013 MLB First Year Player Draft. In 2020, Mancini was diagnosed with colon cancer, and the Blue Sox honored his time in the Valley at the game on Sunday, where fans could be seen donning blue ribbons in support of the cause.

The Blues, who have been on the bottom of the Southern Division standings, came to MacKenzie looking for revenge after their 11-0 loss to Valley on June 16th.

The game started fast for the Blues, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. The Blue Sox were unable to get on the scoreboard until the fourth inning, when Jonathan Kelly of Xavier University had an RBI single.

The Blues responded in the top of the fifth inning, pushing their lead to 3-1. Valley then went to score in the bottom of the sixth, but the game remained scoreless until the ninth inning, when Cole Andrews (Miami/Ohio) made yet

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Karl Oliveira remembered as Tri-County rivals clash

TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—Paul Marcinek and Karl Oliveira were teammates on the St. Joseph's baseball team, which competes in the Tri-County League, for more than twenty years.

During a pregame ceremony held prior to the start of last Friday night's home opener against archrival Peoples Bank, Marcinek spoke about his long-time friend and teammate, who passed away unexpectedly on April 26.

"Karl Oliveira was Palmer. Karl Oliveira was St. Joe's. The loss of Karl Oliveira cannot be measured in words," said Marcinek following the game, which was won by Peoples Bank, 3-2 in eight

innings. "To have the honor and the privilege to play baseball with Karl for so long was something very special. This was a very meaningful night for everyone here."

Besides being a player/manager for St. Joe's, Oliveira was also a member of the East Longmeadow Navigators in the National Division.

One of the things that Marcinek told the large crowd during the ceremony, which was followed by a moment of silence, was what it used to be like playing baseball games at St. Joe's Ballpark in front of large crowds on Friday nights during the summertime.

"This was what this placed always looked like on Friday night's back in the day," said Marcinek, who replaced Oliveira

as the St. Joe's player/manager. "We've won many home games on Friday nights, and we also lost many games on Friday nights."

A couple of former St. Joe's players came back and played in last Friday's game in honor of Oliveira.

The St. Joe's players wore #9, which was Karl's uniform number during batting practice. A Peoples Bank uniform with the #9 on the back was hung on the fence near their bench.

Jim Long, who was the manager for Peoples Bank, passed away during the season several years ago.

Karl Oliveira was listed in the sixth spot in the St. Joe's batting order as the designated hitter.

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Paul Marcinek speaks about teammate and longtime Tri-County League player/manager Karl Oliveira during a pre-game ceremony last Friday night.

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Western Mass. Pioneers keep on winning

TIM PETERSON
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Blake Mullen, who’s the Western Mass. Pioneers starting goalkeeper, was swarmed by a group of kids seeking his autograph following last Friday’s home match versus AC Connecticut. It was the most action he saw the entire evening.

Mullen only made one save during the match and his teammates took care of the rest of the business, as the Pioneers posted a 3-0 shutout victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow. It was the Pioneers fourth shutout in their first seven matches of the regular season.

“To be able to post a shutout, especially in front of our fans here at Lusitano Stadium, just feels fantastic,” said Mullen after he finished signing autographs. “The defense is playing very well and we’re also scoring a lot of goals this season, which is awesome.”

Mullen, who’s from Manchester, Conn., has been the Pioneers starting goalie since 2019. He was the USL League Two Golden Glove winner that season.

Since losing a road match to the Boston Bolts, 4-0, in the season opener on May 11, the Pioneers have posted a 5-0-1 record and have outscored their opponents, 14-2. The Western Mass. squad is battling the Bolts for first place in the USL League Two Northeast Division standings.

“The players are playing with a lot of confidence right now,” said Western Mass. Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. “We just need to keep improving in every match.”

Mullen and his teammates recorded a 2-0 shutout victory in the first meeting of the season against AC Connecticut (1-6), which was played at Dillon Stadium in Hartford, Connecticut on May 26. Their other two shutouts came against FC Malaga City.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play a friendly versus Hartford Athletic, who played in the USL championship in 2019, at Dillon Stadium on July 20.

The Pioneers, who finished in first place in the Northeast league standings in 2019, are hoping to qualify for the playoffs again this season.

“It definitely feels like we’re doing something special again this season,”



Carlos Ferrando changes up the field for the Pioneers.

Mullen said. “It was an awesome experience playing in the playoffs two years ago. We’re hoping to host a home playoff match this year.”

The Pioneers defeated the North Carolina Fusion U23 squad, 3-1, in the 2019 Eastern Conference semifinals before losing to Reading United AC, who were the host team, 1-0, in the finals.

Mullen gave a lot of credit to the defense for making his job very easy. The starting defenders for the Pioneers in last Friday’s home match were Federico Gutierrez, Nicholas Oberrauch, Carlos Emery, Carlos Ferrando.

“I’ve really enjoyed having those guys playing in front of me this year,” Mullen said. “They just love playing defense.”

Gutierrez, who was the Pioneers game captain, suffered a left ankle injury at the end of the first half. He was replaced by Federico Ucar at the start of the second half.



Sebastian Arriagada dekes around a pair of defenders.



Carlos Emery heads up the left side.

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Coby wins second straight race

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. -- Six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby rocketed to his second straight victory at Riverhead Raceway on Sunday, June 20, to cap what was a remarkable week for the Connecticut native.

Coby won the inaugural Superstar Racing Experience (SRX) event at Stafford Motor Speedway on June 12, then announced his NASCAR Camping World Truck Series debut will take place for GMS Racing at Bristol Motor Speedway in September.

On Sunday, in the Buzz Chew Chevrolet Cadillac 200 at Riverhead -- a race postponed one day due to weather -- Coby dominated -- leading 149 laps en route to his 31st career Whelen Modified Tour win. The victory tied Coby with Jeff Fuller for fifth on the all-time wins list and started a streak at the one track where victory eluded him for so many years.

“We hit on something here,” Coby said. “It’s an awesome deal for our Mayhew

Tools team to come here to Riverhead and keep grinding. In Victory Lane for round two at Riverhead. Who would’ve thought that Doug Coby would be in contention to sweep Riverhead three times in a year when we come back in September? It’s so hard here, and we’ve hit on something.”

The victory was Coby’s second of the Whelen Modified Tour season, and helped him climb a little bit closer in the championship standings with six races complete. Coby missed the event at Oswego Speedway on June 12 to compete with SRX -- therefore, he was nearly 50 points out of the lead entering the race, in eighth place. With the win, Coby jumped to fourth, and sits 41 points back heading for the next event.

Doug Coby will return to the track on Wednesday, June 30, at Seekonk Speedway with the Tri Track Open Modified Series. The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is Saturday, July 17, at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.



Doug Coby picked up a win last Sunday at Stafford Motor Speedway.

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another game-altering play that resulted in two RBIs to come from behind and win the game.

“It feels good to come back and get the win,” said Andrews, who has been a ninth inning hero for the Blue Sox in multiple games this season. “We didn’t have the best game hitting in the first eight innings, so I’m glad we could get it done in the ninth.”

Blue Sox 7, Westerners 6

The Valley Blue Sox (8-3) faced the Danbury Westerners (5-6) in their second matchup of the season Saturday night at MacKenzie Stadium, where they came back to win the game 7-6.

The theme for the 7:05 p.m. game was School’s Out, and the night was all about the kids, featuring a Bubble DJ and face painter in attendance.

The first time the Blue Sox faced the Westerners, they took the game by a score of 12-7.

The Friday night game started off slow for the Westerners, with two strikeouts dished out in the first inning from Aaron Hubbell of Belmont University. The bottom of the second brought the first run of the game from a Brian Hart (Marist) RBI that brought Nate Thomas (St. Josephs) home. Then, after great plays from the Valley outfielders to prevent the Westerners from making their mark on the scoreboard, Brenden Hueth (St. Josephs) sprinted his way to first and slyly stole second, bringing Jack Housinger (Xavier) home.

The game evened out from a two-run home run from Matt Zaffino (Fairfield) of the Westerners. The score stood at 2-2 heading into the fourth inning, where

Valley was able to score again off of a Travis Holt RBI double.

The lead was short-lived. The Westerners then scored three runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead by a score of 5-3. The Blue Sox stayed in the deficit for a majority of the game, where both teams were unable to score any runs against each other from the sixth to ninth innings.

The bottom of the ninth saw new life from the Blue Sox, when Nate Thomas and Travis Holt were both brought home off of a Cole Andrews (Miami/Ohio) RBI, which tied the game at 5-5.

“Cole is always coming through,” said Head Coach Hez Randolph, “he has a knack for getting that big hit. He’s becoming one of those guys that you want to have a bat in his hands in a clutch situation.”

The game was the first in the Blue Sox’ 2021 season to go into extra innings. In the top of the tenth, Danbury scored a run, making the game 6-5. Both dugouts were wild, after an umpire mistakenly called Travis Holt out at first. The Westerners celebrated on the diamond before being told to return to their dugout to finish the game.

The (almost) four-hour game came to a conclusion at the end of 10 innings, when Nate Thomas bombed one to right field with two runners on, and the outfielder couldn’t catch it.

“I want to commend our guys for sticking with it and fighting to win it. It’s really tough, especially in summer ball, when everyone is new and there aren’t really ties to the team, so it’s special to see that the guys really care. That’s awesome.” Said Randolph.

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He was replaced by pinch hitter Josh Skowyrza in the bottom of the second inning.

"Karl needed to be in the starting line-up on the night that we honored his memory," Marcinek said. "Everything that was done tonight was very purposeful."

Following the first pitch of the game, the ball was presented to Karl's son, Nathan, who was the senior first baseman for the Palmer varsity baseball team this past spring.

The St. Joe's starting pitcher against Peoples Bank was right-hander Jon Miarecki.

"John was always our starting pitcher whenever we played home games on Friday night's," Marcinek said. "He returned for tonight's game and I'm not sure how many more games he'll be starting for us this season."

Miarecki, who graduated from Ware High School, helped the Indians baseball team win a couple of championship titles back in the 1980's.

Marcinek, who played baseball at Quaboag Regional, lost in the state semifinal game against Miarecki and the Indians at St. Joe's Ball Park.

Two other players, who returned for St. Joe's last Friday night were Russ Lloyd and Jay Eldridge.

Eldridge drove home both of St. Joe's runs in last Friday's game with singles to center field. Both runs were scored by second baseman Ryan Magni.

The rivalry between the two Tri-County league team is like the Red Sox and Yankees rivalry. The members of both



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Jon Miarecki pitches for St. Joe's.

teams do have a tremendous amount of respect for each other.

"If we're the Red Sox, they (People's) would be our Yankees," Marcinek said. "They always win and always put a quality team on the field. To win a championship title in this league, you always have to go through Peoples Bank. They're in the finals



St. Joe's Ryan Magni, of Chicopee, picks up a ground ball.

every year."

Peoples Bank has won the last seven Tri-County League titles.

Jon Ferry, who played for Peoples Bank in 2019, has returned to St. Joe's this season as a player/coach.

Jon's younger brother, Joe, is in his second season as the Peoples Bank player/manager.

"Jon used to play for St. Joe's before he decided to play for my team in 2019," Joe Ferry said. "When Karl passed away, he felt the need to go back over there and be a player/coach. I can't respect him more as his brother for doing that. I would like to be teammates with my older brother for another season before we stop playing baseball."

Joe Ferry also played for St. Joe's and was a member of the 2006 championship team.

"I played with Karl from 2004 until 2008," said Ferry, who graduated from Palmer High School. "Karl was a great guy and it's a huge loss for our entire league. He's a legend in Palmer. This has always been a friendly rivalry and he spoke highly of everyone on our team. It's always a lot of fun playing against St. Joe's."

St. Joe's (1-1) held a 2-0 lead entering the top of the sixth inning in last Friday's contest.

Peoples Bank scored a pair of runs in that frame, which tied the game at 2-2.

Both teams stranded runners in scoring position in the seventh inning.

Dave Clark, who was a pinch hitter for Peoples in the top of the sixth, beat out an infield hit leading off the top of the eighth inning. After stealing second base, he advanced to third on a balk. Then short-stop Devin Slattery, who graduated from Ware High School in 2019, flied out to left field. Clark did not immediately break towards the plate on the play, but when the left fielder's throw home skipped away from the catcher, he was able to score the go-ahead.

Righty Garrett Baker, who had replaced Peoples starter Jake Graveline with one-out in the sixth, wound up being the winning pitcher. He walked St. Joe's Brandon Magni with one-out in the seventh before retiring the next two batters with a strikeout and flyout ending the ballgame.

"This was a very big win for us," said Joe Ferry, who's team entered this week's action with a 2-0 record. "It was one of those games where we were challenged."

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"Losing a player to injury like Federico Gutierrez definitely hurts a lot," Mullen added. "We do have some talented players on the bench. Federico Ucar came in and played very well."

Mullen took over the captain role from Gutierrez during the second half.

"Being a captain of this soccer team is something that you always dream about," he said. "It was a huge honor for me to be captain for the first time during the second half. I really appreciate Federico giving it to me."

The Pioneers captain is Maxi Viera, who has missed the past couple of matches

with an injury. Connor Hicks, who's from Monson, is also sidelined with an injury.

Just like the fans sitting in the stands, Mullen has enjoyed watching the duo of forward Patrick Agyemang and midfielder Ignacio Lerech combine offensively. They're both first-year members of the team.

"Patrick and Ignacio have combined so well together. It seems like they've been playing together for years," Mullen said. "Both of them are always looking to score goals and it's awesome having them play for our team this year."

During the 8th minute of the last Friday's match, Agyemang sent a forward pass to Lerech, who sprinted down the right side in front of a defender before

firing a shot into the left corner past AC Connecticut goalie Jan Tofern for a break-away goal giving the home team an early 1-0 lead.

"Scoring a goal is the best feeling in the world, but the most important thing is that we won tonight's game" Lerech said. "Our goalie and the defense deserve a lot of credit because they're doing an amazing job. Everyone just did a great job tonight."

While the Pioneers had several more scoring chances, the score remained 1-0 until late in the first half.

During the 41st minute, Lerech sent the ball into the box from the left side and Jordan Koduah tapped it into the back of the net.

The best scoring chance for AC

Connecticut came during the 63rd minute when Mullen tipped a shot attempt by Pascal Derwaritsch over the crossbar resulting in a corner kick.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the final ten minutes of the match.

A line drive shot by Khalid Rose was deflected away by Tofern and the rebound shot by Martin Oyenard skipped wide. Another shot by Rose sailed wide a couple of minutes later.

The Pioneers did put a shot into the net during stoppage time, as Guillermo Deal connected with Yosuke Hanya, which sent their faithful supporters home happy for the second week in a row.



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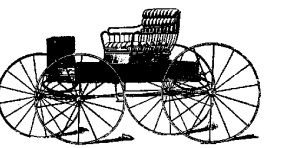
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
Northampton, MA 01060
(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS20P0266EA
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Estate of
Robert Collins
Date of Death: 03/03/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: **James S. Collins of Belchertown, MA** requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition

from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/21/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 15, 2021
Michael J. Carey
Register of Probate
06/24/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampshire Probate and Family Court
15 Atwood Drive
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(413)586-8500
Docket No. HS21C0061CA
In the matter of:
Lizandro Aiden Cruz
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Lizandro Aiden Cruz of Belchertown, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

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WITNESS, Hon. **Linda S Fidnick**, First Justice of this Court.

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Sam Winston and Kelsey Reardon attended the Belchertown High School senior prom together.

LEFT: Nicole Hubbard, Jack Gelinas, Korenna Weiss, Austin Endlos, Tera Andrews and Tyler Laramée attended prom at the Starting Gate at GreatHorse in Hampden.

BELCHERTOWN Prom 2021



Promgoers enjoyed an outdoor dancefloor at the Starting Gate at GreatHorse in Hampden recently.



PHOTOS BY
MELINA BOURDEAU

Two seniors at the Belchertown High School senior prom.



Juiana Kopec, Ava Kopec, Elena Laflamme and Hannah Bernache recently attended their senior prom together.



Emma Boryczka, Will Pirius, Jenna Makkiya and Emma Gazda sat together on the patio at the Starting Gate at GreatHorse.



A group of seniors get their picture taken at the Belchertown High School prom.



Around sunset, seniors took photos at the pavilion at the Starting Gate at GreatHorse.